scheduled completion of this project in six year time.

Implementation of irrigation projects in Orissa

1021. SHRI SANATAN BISI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the irrigation projects in Orissa which are being implemented with the Central assistance;

(b) whether any monitoring is being conducted from time to time regarding the project and proper utilisation of funds;

(c) whether Government are aware of any corruption in the implementation of Indravati and Rengali projects; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SOMPAL): (a) The following projects in Orissa are receiving Central Loan Assistance / Grants:—

Sl. No.	Name of the Project
1.	Potteru irrigation
2.	Rengali irrigation
3.	Upper Indravati Irrigation
4.	Subernrekha Irrigation
5.	Anandpur Barrage
6.	Upper Kolab Irrigation

(b) There is three tier monitoring of irrigation projects at Central, State and Project level.

(c) Irrigation being a state subject, such matters are not referred to the Centre.

(d) Does not arise.

Release of Fund for Teesta Barrage Project

1022. SHRI DEBABRATA BISWAS: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the stage at which Teeste Barrage Project is presently pending;

(b) the expenses incurred on the project so far;

(c) the amount released by Government;

(d) the time by which the projeet is likely to be completed; and

(e) the bottleneks, if any, affecting the progress in the work and steps taken/ proposed to be taken in regard thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SOMPAL): (a) Presently first sub-stage of Stage-I of Phase I of Teesta Barrage Project is under execution. The percentage completion of various components of the project as on 1.1.98 are as under:—

Teesta Barrage	100%
Mahananda barrage	100%
Dauk Nagar barrage	100%
Teesta Mahananda link canal	100%
Mahananda main canal	100%
Dauk Nagar main canal	65%
Nagar Tongaon main canal	Yet to be started.
Teesta Jaldhaka main canal	55%
Distribution system	25%

(b) An expenditure of about Rs. 672.66 crores has been incurred on the project up to March, 1997.

(c) Planning Commission released Special Central Assistance of Rs. 5 crores in the year 1983-84, an advance plan assistance of Rs. 10 crores in 1986-87 and Rs. 10 crores during 1987-88. Further an additional Central Assistance of Rs. 150 crores was sanctioned by the Planning Commission during the VIII Five Year Plan. Central Loan Assistance of Rs. 5 crores was released for the project during the year 1996-97 and Rs. 15 crores during 1997-98 under the Accelerated Irrigation Benefits Programme (AIBP) of Ministry of Water Resources.

(d) Irrigation is a State subject. Completion of the project will depend on the priority attached to it by the State Government.

(e) Bottlenecks affecting the progress of the project are land acquisition